
Awards, State of Affairs and Membership

ISPRS Awards & Honours

Pursuant to its aims of developing and advancing international co-operation in The Photogrammetric, Remote Sensing and Spatial Information Sciences (P&RS&SIS), the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing recognises individual accomplishments through the sponsorship of awards and honours which are granted at each quadrennial ISPRS Congress. Nominations for deserving candidates for awards are welcome and may be made by individuals or organisations at any time, but preferably before November 2003. Each nomination must be in written form (e-mail is acceptable) and submitted to an ISPRS Council member. The following is a brief summary of all awards and honours granted by ISPRS. (Year of initial presentation of each award or honour is denoted in parentheses.) The terms of reference for the awards listed with a * are provided on the ISPRS home page www.isprs.org/documents/awards.html and published in *The International Archives of the Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing and Spatial Information, Volume A*.

An *ISPRS Honorary Member (1926)* is elected by the Society in recognition of distinguished services to the ISPRS and its aims. There may not be more than seven living Honorary Members of the Society at any given time. Honorary Members have the right to attend meetings of the Society and shall not be called upon to pay registration fees at functions sponsored in the name of ISPRS. Prof. Dr. Shunji Murai (Japan) was elected in 2000.

The *Brock Gold Medal Award* (1956)*, sponsored by the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, is presented for an outstanding landmark contribution to the evolution of photogrammetric theory, instrumentation, or practice. The award consists of a gold medalion. Ordinary Members (see *ISPRS Highlights* p. 1) of ISPRS are encouraged to nominate candidates for the Award. Nominations must be signed by two individuals of different nationality and also different from the candidate. Nominations should be sent to President Trinder by November 2003. Awarded in 2000 to Jack Dangermond (USA).

The *Otto von Gruber Award* (1964)*, sponsored by the ITC Foundation, is presented to a young (less than 40 years) sole author of a paper of outstanding merit on photogrammetry, photo-interpretation or remote sensing and written in the four year period preceding the Congress. The Award consists of a medal and a monetary grant. Applications may be self nominated and must include three copies of the paper sent to President Trinder by December 2003. Awarded in 2000 to H. Mayer (Germany) and to G. Vosselman (Netherlands).

The *U.V. Helava Award* (2000)*, sponsored by Elsevier Science bv and LH Systems, LLC, consists of a grand prize of SFr. 10,000 and a silver plaque presented to the author(s) of the most outstanding paper published exclusively in the *ISPRS Journal* during the four years preceding the Congress and three runner up prizes of a *Journal* subscription and certificate presented to the author(s) of the best paper published in each of the other three years. Grand prize awarded in 2000 to M. Sinning-Meister, A. Gruen & H. Dan (Switzerland).

The *Gino Cassinis Award* (2000)*, sponsored by the Italian Society for Surveying and Photogrammetry (SIFET) is presented to a person who has significantly enhanced the mathematical and statistical foundations of the photogrammetry, remote sensing or spatial information sciences in the four years preceding the Congress. The award consists of SFr 2,500 and a certificate. Nominations should be submitted to President Trinder by February 2004. Awarded in 2000 to W. Foerstner (Germany).

The *Edouard Dolezal Award* (1996)*, sponsored by the Austrian Society of Surveying and Photogrammetry, is a limited travel and expense grant to assist individuals or representatives of institutions, from developing or reform countries, to participate in the ISPRS Congress. Candidates are those who have permanently implemented a practical application of photogrammetry, remote sensing or GIS in an efficient manner or which documents their outstanding success in support of these fields. Applications may be self nominated and should be submitted to Secretary General Dowman by December 2003. Awarded in 2000 to P. Tarikhi (Iran), U. R. Rao (India), and I. Katzarsky (Bulgaria).

The *Schwedfsky Medal* (1988)*, sponsored by the German Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, is presented to persons who have made significant contributions to photogrammetry and remote sensing, either through the medium of publication as author or editor, or in another form. The award consists of a medal manufactured in porcelain and a certificate. Nominations for the Medal should be sent to 1st Vice President Fritz by February 2004. Awarded in 2000 to Guy Ducher (France) and to L.R.A. Narayan (India).

The *Willem Schermerhorn Award* (1988)*, sponsored by The Netherlands Society for Earth Observation and Geoinformatics, is presented to a person who has most significantly contributed to the activities of a Working Group of the ISPRS during the four year Congress period. The award consists of a certificate. Nominations for the Award should be sent to President Trinder by February 2004. Awarded in 2000 to Tsehai Woldai (Netherlands).

The *Samuel Gamble Award** (1988), sponsored by the Canadian Institute of Geomatics, is presented to up to three individuals who have contributed significantly to the development, organisation or professional activities of photogrammetry and/or remote sensing, at the national or international level. The award consists of a certificate. Nominations should be sent to 1st Vice President Fritz by February 2004. Awarded in 2000 to A. Abiodun (UN & Nigeria) and to B. Forster (Australia).

The *President's Honorary Citation** (1988), is a certificate of recognition presented by the President of ISPRS to a chairperson, co-chairperson or member of a working group of each ISPRS Technical Commission. The citation is to recognise special, personal and meritorious contributions to the operation of the relevant Technical Commission's activities and advancement of its interests, during the quadrennial term of the Society. Awarded in 2000 to K. Jacobsen (Germany), C. Heipke (Germany), B. Csatho (USA), E. Baltsavias (Switzerland), S. El-Hakim (Canada), T. M. Sausen (Brazil), and A. Rosenqvist (Sweden).

The *ISPRS Prizes for Best Papers by Young Authors*, are sponsored by donor organisations and by ISPRS to authors who are less than 35 years old and are the sole author of a high quality paper presented to the Congress. Each prize consists of a certificate and a SFr. 2,500 grant to make it possible for the winner to participate in the Congress. To be eligible, young authors must submit their paper to Congress Director Altan by December 2004. Awarded in 2000 to B. Ameri (Germany), A. Brunn (Germany), M. Honikel (Switzerland), Jun Li (Canada), S. Priya (Japan), J. Schiewe (Germany), and G. Zalmanson (USA).

At the Congress, a total of 14 *Best Poster Papers Awards* (1988) are sponsored by ISPRS. A jury for each of the seven ISPRS Commissions observes the poster presentations and selects the two best Poster Papers from the Commission. The award consists of a gift and certificate from the Congress Director. Awarded in 2000 for Best Poster from Commission:

- I Pu-Huai Chen & Ian Dowman (UK),
- I Suk-Young Hong, Kyu-Sang & In-Sang Yo (Korea);
- II H. Hild, N. Haala & D. Fritsch (Germany),
- II J.F.C. Silva, P.O. Camargo, R.A. Oliveira, M.C. Guardia, M.L.L. Reiss & R.A.C. Silva (Brazil);
- III Huijing Zhao (Japan),
- III Eckart Michaelsen & Uwe Stilla (Germany);
- IV J. Delgado, J. Cardenal & A. Gómez (Spain),
- IV Lassi Lehto & T. Kilpelainen (Finland);
- V Jan Hrabacek & Frank van den Heuvel (Netherlands),
- V Zhou Ming (UK);
- VI Javier Cardenal, Jorge Delgado & Manuel Torres (Spain),
- VI Kohei Cho, R. Matsumoto, H. Shimoda & T. Sakata (Japan);
- VII A. Wimmer, M. Scharelt, M. Ziegler, G. Ruppert, K.

Granica, U. Schmitt, H. Gallaun & H. Hyyppä, (Australia),

VII J.H.M. Hakvoort, J.F. de Haan, R. Jordans, Robert J. Vos, S. Peters & M. Rijkeboer (Netherlands).

Also at the Congress, The *CATCON Prizes* (1996), a software Computer Assisted Teaching Contest is organised by the ISPRS Commission VI and sponsored by donor companies. The main objective of the contest is to promote the development and dissemination of good/user-friendly software packages www contents and data sets for computer assisted teaching, which preferably are non-commercial and free. Typically the prizes consist of a Gold Award (SFr. 3,000), Silver Award (SFr. 2,500), and Bronze Award (SFr. 1,500) and a certificate. Awarded in 2000, the Gold Award to P. Grussenmeyer & P. Drap (France), and two Silver Awards (tie) to Q. Zhou (Hong Kong) and to J. Høhle (Denmark) respectively.

In recognition of the value and prestige associated with ISPRS Awards, in 1998 the Council developed the following ISPRS Awards Policy, which was ratified by the ISPRS General Assembly in Amsterdam.

1. ISPRS Awards shall recognise outstanding contributions and achievements by an individual or individuals in the pursuit of, or for a major realisation of, the objectives of ISPRS.
2. The Terms of Reference of ISPRS Awards shall be in accordance with the Statutes and Bylaws of the Society.
3. The Terms of Reference of ISPRS Awards shall be specified in written form in the official languages of ISPRS. They are subject to approval by the Council.
4. The Terms of Reference and background shall be communicated to ISPRS members through official documents of the Society (Silver Book, WWW Page, and ISPRS Highlights).
5. All new ISPRS Awards shall consist of a reward of substantial monetary value, or an item of high intrinsic value (a minimum of Swiss francs 2,500 or equivalent), together with a certificate or plaque of recognition.
6. In order to establish a new long-term award (for a minimum of 12 years), the sponsoring organisation shall make a commitment for a minimum period of support of 12 years in the formal proposal for the award to the President of ISPRS, for approval by Council.
7. The funding and preparation of ISPRS Awards shall be provided by the sponsoring organisation and delivered to the Congress Director after the Awardee(s) have been identified.
8. Each new ISPRS Award shall be granted for a specific purpose, which shall not overlap the purpose of another ISPRS Award.
9. Presentations of ISPRS Awards shall be made at an appropriate event, preferably a plenary session or General Assembly of the Congress.

- 10. The recipient of an ISPRS quadrennial Award shall receive that award only once.
- 11. Amendment to the Terms of Reference of an ISPRS Award shall require agreement of Council with the Award sponsor. The sponsor shall then prepare the amended Terms of Reference in final form as specified

in paragraph 2, for Council approval. It is expected that the recipient will attend the Congress to receive the award.

Lawrence W. Fritz
1st Vice President

Treasurer's Report

The year 2000 marked a transition in ISPRS financial affairs. For logistic reasons, outgoing Council opened new Bank accounts at the UBS-AG branch in Zurich. On 31.12.2000, the "old" account at the UBS-AG branch in Lugano was finally closed, after serving our Society for many years. In addition, the outgoing Council resolved to hire some professional assistance for financial and accounting. This year, Ms. Susan Curtis-Pugh was contracted to serve as a financial advisor to Council. We hope her professional assistance and advise will serve a constructive instrument to run the Society financial business more smoothly. Council also discussed the issue of change rate and agreed, in Albuquerque CM, to offer fixed annual contribution rates, both in SFr and US\$. This will help members to choose between US\$ and SFr for their subscription payment, more effectively. Last but not least, ISPRS forwarded SFr 50,000 to the Istanbul 2004 ISPRS Congress organiser. With further advances next year (total of SFr 100,000), this loan will help the Congress organisers with cash flow problems, typically to the first two years of the four inter-congress years.

The significant improvement of ISPRS financial standing during the 1996 to 2000 inter-congress period, reported by the outgoing Treasurer, Heinz Ruther, last March, helped to make such an innovative decision possible. It is the task of the Treasurer and Council to keep ISPRS in continuing good financial standing. This will be implemented by seeking new members, of course, but also by encouraging all members for prompt payment of subscription. At this moment we have some members who have outstanding dues. Before taking actions, as ordered by the XIX General Assembly all members who may have outstanding dues are encouraged to contact President Trinder or myself and make arrangements for payment prior to April 2001.

In spite of these some overdue payments, it can be stated that the Society is in good financial health with a sound and secure investments. As it is my pleasure to report of NASA becoming a new Category A Sustaining Member as of December 2000, I'm most confident that, with members help, we will continue to keep it in such excellent manner.

Ammatzia Peled
Treasurer

Membership

The following Associate Members were admitted at the XIX Congress:

- Iran - Jihad/ITC/KN Toosi Joint Education Program (JIK)
- Iran - Tehran Geographic Information Centre (TGIC)

The following Regional Member was admitted at the XIX Congress:

- South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC).

NASA has been admitted as a Category A Sustaining Member

The following changes in category of Ordinary Members have been approved:

- China Taipei - from Category 3 to Category 4
- China - from Category 6 to Category 7
- Indonesia - from Category 4 to Category 1

Membership now stands as follows:

Ordinary Members	103
Associate Members	12
Sustaining Members	48
Regional Members	9

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